

Diversity is something you can't clone

It seems these days you can't turn on the television or read a paper without dialog about "cloning." While this is one of those topics that some people become emotional about, the purpose of my article this month isn't to take a position, but rather to project a perspective that relates to the issue.

First, I'm not sure why anyone would want to be cloned, except for possibly the physical appearance aspect. Each of us is ultimately the net result of millions of life experiences that we lived throughout our time on this planet, which certainly cannot be duplicated. This is like one of those old movies where a person's physical appearance is matched, but the stand-in is always revealed when they can't answer those special questions that only the real person would know.

Second, I'm always taken in by the cartoonist who illustrates cloning with a picture with a few dozen clones of someone we all would hope wasn't cloned.



Leadership Perspectives
Col. Richard Green

All that aside, cloning also conjures up a picture in my mind of a group of clones all accepting the same perspective or outlook on an issue, which if taken to an extreme,

certainly limits any opportunity to reach new heights of creativity or achievement. Cloning could also be considered the antithesis of diversity, which is the real point of this article. Just picture that cartoon where everybody looks and thinks the same. How boring would that be! But, now picture a similar cartoon with a fully diverse group of people, of every race and gender. Now, put all of those thoughts and experiences together, and I'll bet the result is synergy and creativity at its best.

At the 179th, we value our diversity. It's a value we need to always be aware of so we don't drift into a spirit of cloning where we neglect to seek the thoughts and ideas of those that might look different or have a different perspective. Diversity is a strength that we should be proud of and enhance, because as I always say..."Together We Succeed".

Basketball season underway

Tired of the winter blues already? Don't want to hang out at the hotel on Saturday night of the UTA? Want to get in shape for the upcoming physical fitness test and annual weigh-in? Look no further! The second season of the 179th AW Basketball League has started.

Last year, the medical squadron took top honors as the first champions of the winter/spring basketball league. This year the competition is already heating up between the squadrons, and with more players and more teams it looks like an exciting and fun time.

From the commander to airman basic, male or female, everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate or attend. Not much skill on the court? Cheer on your favorite team or player. Think you're the next Shaq or Ming? Come out and share your talents.

For more information about locations and games contact Master Sgt. John Gibson at ext. 204.

February Schedule

1600 Logistics 2 vs. Medical 2
1600 Wing vs. Services
1700 Medical 1 vs. Personnel
1700 Aerial Port 2 vs. CF
1800 Logistics 1 vs. AGS
1800 CES vs. Aerial Port 1

March Schedule

1600 Logistics 2 vs. Services
1600 Wing vs. Personnel
1700 AGS vs. Aerial Port 2
1700 CES vs. Medical 1
1800 CF vs. Medical 2
1800 Logistics 1 vs. Aerial Port 1



Where are the models going?

This story next month...